

The Baths of Caracalla were dedicated
many years building.
may have been commissioned
by Septimius Severus

After Alexandria Corbello returned to Antioch to assemble his forces and take to the field against Parthia

Assembled in early summer 216 the army consisted of all or part of 8 legions. The Parthian empire had been torn by civil war between 2 rival claimants. One of these was VOLODAESSES I who held lower Mesopotamia and the capital city of CTESIPHON. The other ARTABANUS, controlled

the Iberian plateau and beyond.

Caracalla sided with Antiochus against
Vologases. But Caracalla marched against
the usurper Antiochus and the Roman
forces ravaged the countryside east of
the TIGRIS R.

216-276

MANICHAISM

Religion founded by Mani (c. 216 - c. 276) a visionary prophet, probably of Persian origin. After his martyrdom, his religion spread rapidly throughout the Roman Empire and Asia. Manichaeism synthesized elements from earlier religion such as Gnosticism; Zoroastrianism; and Christianity; it taught dualism between good and evil, the

Transmigration of souls, and the possibility of reincarnation.

St. Augustine was a MAOICHEE

until his conversion. The religion

prevailed in the West until about 6th cent. And in the East Chinese

Christianity until about the 13th cent.

Gordian I was governor of Lower Britain

Consul under Caracalla & Elagabalus

Massacre at Alexandria.
Parthian Campaign.

216/217

Carscalla withdrew & spent the winter at the city of EDESSA in northern Mesopotamia, which had become the headquarters of his campaign. He spent the time hunting, choristising, and planning new operations against the Parthians for the following year.

But news of a conspiracy was leaked to FLAVIUS MATERNIANUS, Commander

of the troops in Rome during Corbolla's absence
He sent warning to Corbolla, but the letter was
diverted to JULIA DOMNA, the emperor's mother.
Suspicion pointed to MARCUS OPELLIUS MACRINUS,
Commander of the praetorian guard, as one of
the ring-leaders.

It was Julius Martialis, an officer in the
imperial bodyguard chosen to carry out
the deed